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Changes may be coming for downtown Kingman

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The Arizona Department of Transportation is looking toward the future and wants Kingman's input. The department will be holding two open houses in the next two weeks to gather information on possible changes to the Interstate 40 interchange near historic downtown Kingman and the future transportation needs of Kingman in 2050.

According to a news release from ADOT, the department is planning a long-range study of the I-40 interchange near downtown. The study will look at possible alternatives to improve the flow of traffic through the interchange.

ADOT Public Information Officer Michele Beggs said the study is in the preliminary stages and the department is seeking public input on possible alternatives to connect I-40 with U.S. Highway 93. The alternatives include improvements to the current interchange or possibly a new interchange.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 31 in the Saguaro Rooms A and B in the Mohave County Administration Building, 700 W. Beale Street.

ADOT will also be holding another meeting on the future transportation needs of Kingman and the surrounding area in the year 2050. This meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Powerhouse Visitor Center on Andy Devine.

The meeting is part of ADOT's Regional Framework Study that is focusing on the future transportation needs of the entire state.

According to a press release from ADOT, Thursday's meeting will focus on "Existing Conditions and Issues Identification."

According to ADOT, the Framework Study is unusual because it will look at transportation in the context of community and economic development.

The Framework Study will be finished in early 2009.

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